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#### Abstract

A literature search has yielded more than 10,000 observations of the satellites of Uranus made from 1787 to 1985. The type (photographic, micrometer) and the number of observations are tabulated in 5 year increments and a complete bibliography is provided.

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#### Introduction

A search of the astronomical literature was conducted to gather observations of the five satellites of Uranus. A subset of the collected observations was used in the development of the satellite ephemerides for the Voyager Uranus encounter.

#### Observations

Tables 1 and 2 summarize the type and number of observations located by the search for each five year period since the satellites' discovery. A total of 10032 observations were found consisting of

5043 photographic (1910-1985) 4989 micrometer (1787-1949) 10032

The photographic observations include both right ascension - declination and position relative to the planet or another satellite. A satellite relative observation was counted as an observation of only one satellite.

#### Literature Search

The initial literature search was conducted by the JPL library at the request of R. Doyle in 1980. Subsequent searches were made in 1981 for G. Null and in 1982 for R. Jacobson. Table 3 provides a list of the journals and observatory reports which were searched.

#### References for Observations

The references for the photographic observations appear in Table 4 and for the micrometer observations in Table 5. Each table is ordered alphabetically by author; with each reference is given the identification number of the observed satellites, the observation years, and the total number of observations. The identification numbers of the satellites are: 701 for Ariel, 702 for Umbriel, 703 for Titania, 704 for Oberon, and 705 for Miranda. The listed references include not only those found in the literature searches, but also private communications and JPL contractor reports. The observations reported by Dunham (1971), Veillet (1980-1983), Bergstrand (1904, 1909), Herschel (1815), and Struve (1928) also appear in other references and were not counted in the Table 1 and Table 2 summaries. Most of the observations used by Harris (1949) also appear elsewhere; a small number however do not, and these were counted in Table 1.

#### Storage of Observations

Copies of all of the cited references have been obtained by the author and will be retained by him. The observations used in the Voyager ephemeris development have been formatted in the standard JPL computer format (Ref. 1) and placed on magnetic tape.

### Request for Additional Observations

The list of references provided by Tables 4 and 5 should not be considered exhaustive. The author would appreciate being informed of any published or unpublished observations which have not been included.

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Table 1. Photographic Observations of the Uranian Satellites

Dates	Ariel	Umbriel	Titania	Oberon	Miranda
1910-14	5	5	16	13	0
1915-19	9	14	29	·O	0
1920-24	0	0	0	0	0
1925-29	7	13	22	22	0
1930-34	0	0	0	0	.0
1935-39	0	0	0	0	0
1940-44	0	0	0	0	0
1945-49	132	119	263	131	135
1950-54	4	4	4	4	3
1955-59	0	0	0	0	2
1960-64	80	110	113	100	90
1965-69	66	78	147	157	0
1970-74	53	66	105	104	- 29
1975-79	185	177	187	69	143
1980-84	468	465	477	59	452
1985-89	26	26	26	25	4

Table 2. Micrometer Observations of the Uranian Satellites

Dates	Ariel	Umbriel	Titania:	Oberon
1787-1834	0	0	49	59
1835-39	0	0	11	15
1840-44	0	0	0	0
1845-49	16	24	37	56
1850-54	59	· 53	79	79
1855-59	. 9	. 7	17	20
1860-64	19	24	64	66
1865-69	. 2	2	. 13	18
1870-74	21	33	138	133
1875-79	60	50	202	200
1880-84	19	14	47	51
1885-89	15	10	0	0
1890-94	28	19	78	66
1895-99	117	95	170	174
1900-04	94	82	383	381
1905-09	57	58	298	229
1910-14	55	52	170	153
1915-19	12	8	66	76
1920-24	0	0	78	79
1925-29	0	0	38	44
1930-34	0	0	0	0
1935-39	0	0	. 0	0
1940-44	0	0	0	0
1945-49	31	3	2	2

### Table 3. Journals and Reports Searched for Uranian Satellite Observations

#### Title

Annals of the Strasbourg Observatory
Astronomische Nachrichten
Astronomy and Astrophysics
Astronomy and Astrophysics Supplement
Bulletin Astronomique
Journal des Observateurs
Journal of the British Astronomical Society
Lick Observatory Bulletin
Lunar and Planetary Laboratory Communications
Memoirs of the Royal Astronomical Society
Monthly Notices of the Royal Astronomical Society
Publications of the Tashkent Observatory
The Astronomical Journal
The Washington Observations (1875-1879)
Tokyo Astronomical Bulletin

Table 4. Photographic Uranian Satellite Observations

•	Reference		Sat	Dates	Num
Dunham, D.D., (University	1971) Ph.D. Thesis -	Yale	701 702 703 704 705	1905-66 1905-66 1905-66 1905-66 1948-66	327 360 439 347 120
Harris, D.L., (Uranus (U. of Chi	(1949) The Satellite (cago)	System of	701 702 703 705	1905-48 1905-48 1905-48 1948	53 58 87 17
Harrington, R.S. 89, 889-898	, (1984) Astronomic	eal Journal	701 702 703 704 705 700	1979-83 1979-83 1979-83 1979-83 1979-83 1978-83	88 85 88 88 30 14
	, (1985) U.S. Naval vate Communication		701 702 703 704 705	1985 1985 1985 1985 1985	26 26 26 25 4
	1984) Leander McCormi vate Communication	ck	701 702 703 704 700	1983 1983 1983 1983 1983	41 43 51 52 12
Mulholland, J.D. Contract #956787	, (1985) U. of Texa , Final Report	as, JPL	703 704 705	1974-82	
Nicholson, S., Bulletin 269, 14	(1915) Lick Observa 3	tory	701 702 703 704	1914 1914	5 5 5 5
Pascu, D., (19 Private Communic	85) U.S. Naval Observ ation	vatory,	705	1981-83	40

Table 4. Photographic Uranian Satellite Observations (continued)

Reference	Sat	Dates	Num
Rosanof, A., (1925) Astronomische Nachrichten 224, 409	703 704	1913-14 1913-14	8
Soulie, G., (1968) Journal des Observateurs 51, 315-328	703 704 700	1966-67 1966-67 1966-67	14 10 48
Soulie, G., (1972) Astronomy and Astrophysics Supplement 6, 311-326	702 703 704 700	1968 1968-69 1968-69 1968-69	3 35 34 50
Soulie, G., (1975) Astronomy and Astrophysics Supplement 22, 49-61	703 704 700	1970-71 1970-71 1970-71	18 13 24
Soulie, G., (1978) Astronomy and Astrophysics Supplement 33, 257-264	702 703 704 700	1972-74 1972-74 1972-74 1972-74	10 33 35 56
Sytinskaia, N.N., (1930) Pub. Tashkent Obs. 3, 54	701 702 703 704	1926 1926 1926 1926	7 13 22 22
Tomita, K., and Soma, M. (1979) Tokyo Astromonical Bulletin, 2nd Series, 261, 2977-2981	701 702 703 704	1964-77 1964-77 1964-77 1964-77	34 37 39 46
van Biesbroeck, G., (1970) Lunar and Planetary Lab. Comm. 145, 179	701 702 703 704 705	1948-66 1948-66 1948-66 1948-66 1948-66	250 272 308 297 103
van Biesbroeck, G., (1976) Astronomical Journal 81, 122	701 702 703 704	1966 1966 1966 1966	17 17 22 28
Veillet, C., (1980) Astronomy and Astrophysics 89, 342-344	705	1977-79	58

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Reference	Sat	Dates	Num
Veillet, C., (1983) Astronomy and Astrophysics 118, 211-216	705	1980-81	112
Veillet, C., (1983) These de Doctorat d'Etat - Universite de Paris	702	1977-82 1977-82 1977-82 1977-82	347 344 347 233
Veillet, C., (1985) CERGA, Private Communication	701 702 703 705	1977-84 1977-84 1977-84 1977-84	456 453 456 314
Walker, R.L., (1978) Astronomical Journal 83, 838-844	701 702 703 704 705 700	1975-77 1975-77 1975-77 1975-77 1975-77 1974-77	27 27 27 27 25 22
Whitaker, E., (1973) Lunar and Planetary Lab. Comm. 194, 70-80	705	1948-73	133

Table 5. Micrometer Uranian Satellite Observations

	Reference	Sat	Dates	Num
Aitken, R.G., 76	(1898) Astronomical Journal 19,	701 702 703 704	1898 1898 1898 1898	15 13 18 18
Aitken, R.G., 151, 105	(1899) Astronomische Nachrichte	701 702 703 704	1899 1899 1899 1899	26 26 26 26
Aitken, R.G., 7, 36	(1901) Lick Observatory Bulletin	702 703	1900-01 1900-01 1900-01 1900-01	24 26 40 34
Aitken, R.G., 51, 160	(1904) Lick Observatory Bulletin	701 702 703 704	1903 1903 1903 1903	24 22 38 38
Aitken, R.G., 94, 31	(1905) Lick Observatory Bulleti	701 702 703 704	1904-05 1904-05 1904-05 1904-05	22 20 26 26
Aitken, R.G., 172, 169	(1909) Lick Observatory Bulleti	701 702 703 704	1906-07 1906-07 1906-07 1906-07	18 18 22 16
Aitken, R.G., 207, 1	(1912) Lick Observatory Bulleti	701 702 703 704	1910-11 1910-11 1910-11 1910-11	24 20 20 14
Aitken, R.G., 269, 142	(1914) Lick Observatory Bulleti	701 702 703 704	1914 1914 1914 1914	16 12 14 8
Barnard, E.E., 10, 73	(1896) Astronomical Journal 16	701 702 703 704	1894-95 1894-95 1894-95 1894-95	67 42 142 119

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Reference	9	Sat	Dates	Num
Barnard, E.E., (1909) Astronomical Journal 2 47	7	702	1907-09 1907-09 1907-09 1907-09	25 24 119 107
Barnard, E.E., (1912) Astronomical Journal 2 105		702	1910 1910-11 1910-11 1910-11	11 12 76 75
Barnard, E.E., (1915) Astronomical Journal 2 39		702	1913 1913 1913 1913	2 2 12 12
Barnard, E.E., (1916) Astronomical Journal 3 20			1915 1915 1915 1915	2 2 18 16
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Barnard, E.E., (1927) Astronomical Journal 3		701 702 703 704	1919 1919 1919-22 1919-22	4 4 50 59
Bergstrand, O., (1904) Nove Acta Reg. Soc. Scient. Ups. Series III, 20		701 701	1852-99 1900-01	240 60
Bergstrand, O., (1909) Arkiv for Mathematik, Astronomi och Fysik 6, 6		702 702	1894-99 1900-01	109 26
Davis, C.H., (1875) Monthly Notices Roy. Astron. Soc. 35, 51-55	•	701 702 703 704	1874 1874 1874 1874	9 16 53 50
Dinwiddie, W.W., (1903) Astronomical Journal 24, 26		703 704	1903 1903	20 6

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Reference	Sat	Dates	Num
Eppes, J.B., (1912) Astronomical Journal 27, 188	701 702 703 704	1911 1911 1911 1911	2 6 34 32
Frederick, C.W., (1908) Astronomische Nachrichten 168, 281	703 704	1904 1904	40 30
Frederickson, M., (1909) Astronomical Journal 26, 17	703 704	1907 1907	46 46
Hall, A., (1876) Astronomische Nachrichten 88, 131	701 702 703 704	1876 1876 1876 1876	21 14 43 37
Hall, A., (1877) Astronomische Nachrichten 90, 161	701 702 703 704	1876 1876 1876 1876	1 2 8 10
Hall, A., (1878) Astronomische Nachrichten 93, 65	702 703 ·704	1878 1878 1878	4 4 6
Hall, A., (1911) Astronomical Journal 27, 17	703 704	1908-10 1909-10	95 46
Hall, A., Jr., (1921) Astronomical Journal 34, 5	703 704	1920 1920	26 24
Hall, A.,Jr., (1923) Astronomical Journal 35, 116	703 704	1922 1922	10 12
Henry, P., (1884) Bulletin Astronomique 1, 89	703 704	1884 1884	8
Henry, P., (1884) Bulletin Astronomique 1, 178-179	701 702 703 704	1884	3 6 12 14
Henry, P., (1884) Bulletin Astronomique 1, 329-330	701 702 703 704	1884 1884	10 6 15 14

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Herschel, W., (1815) Phil. Trans. for 1815,	703.	1787-99	32
293	704	1787-99	32
Herschel, J.F.W., (1833) Mem. Roy. Astron. Soc. 8, 1	703 703 704 704	1787-98 1828-32 1787-98 1828-32	32 17 32 27
Holden, E.S., (1875) Washington Observations for 1875, 361-363	701	1875	8
	702	1875	7
	703	1875	66
	704	1875	66
Holden, E.S., (1876) Washington Observations for 1876	701 702 703 704	1876 1876 1876 1876	20 13 43 37
Holden, E.S., (1877) Washington Observations for 1877, 230-231	701	1877	1
	702	1877	2
	703	1877	8
	704	1877	10
Holden, E.S., (1878) Washington Observations for 1878, 91	701	1878	1
	702	1878	4
	703	1878	6
	704	1878	10
Holden, E.S., (1879) Washington Observations for 1879	701	1879	2
	703	1879	10
	704	1879	12
Hough, G.W., (1880) Astronomische Nachrichten 98, 25	701 702 703 704	1880 1880 1880 1880	6 2 18 15
Hussey, W.J., (1902) Lick Observatory Bulletin 17, 149	701 702 703 704	1897-98 1897-98	13 12 15 20
Lamont, F., (1837) Mem. Roy. Astron. Soc. 11, 51	703	1837	11
	704	1837	15

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Reference	Sat	Dates	Num
Lassel, W., (1847) Monthly Notices Roy. Astron. Soc. 8, 43	701 702 703 704	1848 1848 1848 1848	6 2 19 22
Lassel, W., (1848) Monthly Notices Roy. Astron. Soc. 9, 105	702 704		11 11
Lassel, W., (1849) Monthly Notices Roy. Astron. Soc. 10, 7, 135		1849 1849 1849	6 8 2
Lassel, W., (1851) Monthly Notices Roy. Astron. Soc. 12, 15, 152	701 702 703 704		9 9 7 8
Lassel, W., (1852) Astronomische Nachrichten 34, 327	701 702 703 704	1847-51 1847-51	39
Lassel, W., (1853) Monthly Notices Roy. Astron. Soc. 13, 148	701 702 703 704	1852-53 1852-53	32 51
Lassel, W., (1857) Monthly Notices Roy. Astron. Soc. 17, 175	701 702 703 704		9 7 17 20
Lassel, W., (1865) Mem. Roy. Astron. Soc. 36, 1	701 702 703 704	1863-65	17
Marth, A., (1864) Monthly Notices Roy. Astron. Soc. 24, 209	701 702 702 704	1863-64 1863-64 1863-64 1863-64	6 9 24 26
Newcomb, S., (1875) Washington Observations for 1873, App. 1, 7	701 702 703 704	1874-75	15 18 64 60

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Reference	Sat	Dates	Num
Perrotin, M., (1887) Bull. Astron. 4, 340	701	1887	15
	702	1887	10
Rosse, E., (1875) Monthly Notices Roy. Astron. Soc. 35, 300	701	1872-73	3
	702	1872-73	3
	703	1872-74	35
	704	1872-74	35
Schaeberle, J.M., (1895) Astronomical Journal	703	1894	24
15, 25-26	704	1894	24
Schaeberle, J.M., (1897) Astronomical Journal 18, 5-6	701 702 703 704	1897 1897 1896-97 1895-97	24 21 46 45
See, T.J.J., (1900) Astronomische Nachrichten	703	1900	70
154, 89-92	704	1900	68
See, T.J.J., (1902) Astronomische Nachrichten 159, 214-226	701 702 703 704	1901 1901 1901 1901	38 30 80 156
See, T.J.J., (1907) Astronomische Nachrichten	703	1902	87
176, 293	704	1902	41
Steavenson, W.H., (1948) Monthly Notices Roy. Astron. Soc. 108, 183-188	701 702 703 704	1947-48 1947-48 1947-48 1947-48	23 3 2 2
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Struve, G., (1928) Astronomische Nachrichten	703	1927-28	38
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